



RIP Doug Herschell



**From Patrick Swan, SAIT Vice-President,
and on behalf of the SAIT Executive Committee, 2019/20**

Doug was mentor to many people during his life because he cared so much for people and their aspirations. He was enduringly honest, and disliked dishonesty in others: that was a quick way of losing his support and friendship.

It was natural that Doug was a foundation member of the SAIT, and remained a member in good standing ever since it was formed. Along the way he was awarded the Louw Alberts Award, which is presented for an outstanding contribution to tribology over the years in Southern Africa, and was elected as President of the SAIT in 2018. His passion for tribology and the SAIT was a welcome boost to the institute. When elected he was in hospital, in traction after a fall, and sadly he is the only President to die in office, after his almost 20 year battle with cancer.

Right up to the end his mind was clear, he was still reading his science publications, and planning how to improve the SAIT.

From The SAIT Secretariat.

It is with great sadness the SAIT announces the passing of SAIT President Mr. Doug Herschell (Born 19/7/1942 and Died 22/7/2020). Doug dedicated a lot of his time to the South African Institute of Tribology, of which he was president for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

A special note was his loyalty to the SAIT, of which he has been a member since March 1985. He is only one of the few to have this continuous membership from the establishment of SAIT in 1985. In 2018, Doug also received the SAIT Louw Alberts Award in recognition of "his significant contribution to tribology and the SAIT, through driving the fundamentals of tribology, and understanding the application, operating condition, base fluid and chemistry required to solve tribological issues."

With a career exceeding 55 years in the lubricant industry, Doug Herschell's experience in formulations and technicalities earned him an enviable title as the "go to man" for bespoke industrial lubricant and aerosol solutions.

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